

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 30, 2017

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 457**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cunningham**

February 13, 2017

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An act relating to water.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 457, as amended, Cunningham. Saline water conversion: Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant.

The Cobey-Porter Saline Water Conversion Law required, by July 1, 2004, the Department of Water Resources to report to the Legislature on potential opportunities for the use of seawater and brackish water desalination in California. Existing law required the report to evaluate the impediments to the use of desalination technology and to examine what role, if any, the state should play in furthering the use of desalination in California.

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would require a study of the feasibility of repurposing for local use water produced by the water desalination facility at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant in the County of San Luis Obispo.~~

*This bill would require the department, in consultation with specified entities, to conduct a study on the feasibility of repurposing the water desalination facility at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant in the County of San Luis Obispo for purposes of desalinating water for local use.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     *SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Water Resources, in*  
2     *consultation with the Board of Supervisors of the County of San*  
3     *Luis Obispo and impacted regional water districts, shall conduct*  
4     *a study on the feasibility of repurposing the water desalination*  
5     *facility at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant in the County of San*  
6     *Luis Obispo for the purpose of desalinating water for local use.*  
7     *The study shall determine, but is not limited to, all of the following:*  
8     *(1) The economic viability of repurposing the facility.*  
9     *(2) Potential water capacity and potential regional communities*  
10    *that would benefit from the repurposing of the facility.*  
11    *(3) Unique engineering challenges, if any.*  
12    *(b) In implementing this section, the department may contract*  
13    *with an independent third party to carry out the study on its behalf.*  
14    ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~  
15    ~~subsequent legislation that would require a study of the feasibility~~  
16    ~~of repurposing for local use water produced by the water~~  
17    ~~desalination facility at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant in the~~  
18    ~~County of San Luis Obispo.~~